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SUBJECT: RED:ECAF:RECRUITMENT DR. THOMAS POFFENBERGER,
AMERCIT, AS CHIEF, POPULATION DIVISION, ECAF

REF: HURT/BOEHM LETTER DATED AUGUST 15, 1974

1. EMBOFF. DISCUSSED SUBJECT DIVISION STAFFING PATTERN WITH CARL FRISEN, INCUMBENT CHIEF, UPON HIS RETURN FROM BUCHAREST WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE. WHILE FRISEN UNFAMILIAR WITH DETAILS POFFENBERGER BACKGROUND, HE AWARE OF GENERAL ASPECTS THROUGH OUR CONVERSATION THAT CANDIDATE IS UNIVERSITY BASED WITH EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND IN RESEARCH, CONSULTANCIES, PUBLICATIONS AND TEACHING.

2. FRISEN WAS QUICK TO NOTE THAT POFFENBERGER EXPERIENCE QUITE ADMIRABLE FOR UNIVERSITY ROLE BUT FRISEN DOUBTFUL THIS WOULD MEET UN CRITERIA SUCH AS, INTER ALIA, OPERATIONAL LEVEL EXPERIENCE IN PLANNING, BUDGETING AND IMPLEMENTING REGIONAL PROJECTS PLUS SUPERVISING APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-FIVE PROFESSIONALS.

3. FRISEN PROPOSED ALTERNATE U.S. CANDIDATE IN LENNIE KANGAS, CHIEF, EAST ASIA DIVISION, AA/PHA. FRISEN FEELS STRONGLY THAT OPERATIONAL FIELD TYPE LIKE KANGAS FAR PREFERABLE THAN SUBJECT OR SIMILAR CANDIDATE TO SUCCEED HIM.

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4. WE ENDORSE MERITS THIS POSITION BASED ON CLOSE AND ONGOING

OBSERVATION ECAFE POPULATION AFFAIRS PLUS PERSONAL/PROFESSIONAL
FIELD COLLABORATION WITH KANGAS ON EARLIER AID ASSIGNMENT.
FRISEN NOTED THAT KANGAS CANDIDACY DISCUSSED EARLIER IN
DEPARTMENT WITH IO/EX AND SUPPORTED. WE FURTHER PERSUADED
THAT WITH LIMITED OPORTUNITY FOR AMERCIT ASSIGNMENTS IN UN
OPERATIONAL SLOTS, WE BEST PLACE PROVEN FIELD MANAGERS AS
OPPOSED CANDIDATES UNLIKELY TO MEET UN SELECTION CRITERIA
AT REGIONAL LEVEL.

5. DR. SOOK BANG, KOREAN NATION, RUMORED IN ECAFE CORRIDOR
CONVERSATION TO BE CANDIDATE ALSO.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT/AID REACTION.
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